

5.A OASDI Current-Pay Benefits: Summary

Table 5.A14.—Number and percentage distribution of women beneficiaries aged 62 or older, by type of benefit and dual entitlement status, December 1960–98

Type of benefit	1960	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1997	1998
Number (in thousands)									
Total ¹	6,619	11,374	14,010	16,350	18,412	19,954	20,888	21,049	21,091
Entitled as worker ²	2,866	5,753	7,586	9,304	10,805	12,037	12,974	13,396	13,562
Worker only	2,563	4,786	5,926	6,710	7,096	7,359	7,554	7,779	7,863
Dually entitled ³	303	967	1,660	2,594	3,709	4,678	⁴ 5,420	⁴ 5,617	⁴ 5,699
Wife's benefit	159	388	617	1,016	1,594	2,077	2,398	2,461	2,483
Widow's benefit	141	574	1,039	1,575	2,112	2,600	3,022	3,156	3,215
Entitled as wife or widow only ³	3,753	5,621	6,424	7,046	7,607	7,917	7,914	7,653	7,530
Wife's benefit	2,174	2,546	2,745	2,884	3,018	3,059	2,985	2,892	2,836
Widow's benefit ⁵	1,546	3,048	3,659	4,148	4,580	4,853	4,926	4,758	4,691
Percentage distribution									
Total ¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Entitled as worker ²	43.3	50.6	54.1	56.9	58.7	60.3	62.1	63.6	64.3
Worker only	38.7	42.1	42.3	41.0	38.5	36.9	36.2	36.9	37.3
Dually entitled ³	4.6	8.5	11.8	15.9	20.1	23.4	⁴ 25.9	⁴ 26.7	⁴ 27.0
Wife's benefit	2.4	3.4	4.4	6.2	8.7	10.4	11.5	11.7	11.8
Widow's benefit	2.1	5.0	7.4	9.6	11.5	13.0	14.4	15.0	15.2
Entitled as wife or widow only ³	56.7	49.4	45.9	43.1	41.3	39.7	37.9	36.4	35.7
Wife's benefit	32.8	22.4	19.6	17.6	16.4	15.3	14.3	13.7	13.4
Widow's benefit ⁵	23.4	26.8	26.1	25.4	24.9	24.3	23.6	22.6	22.2

¹ Excludes special age-72 beneficiaries and adults receiving benefits because of childhood disability.

² Includes disabled workers.

³ Includes parents.

⁴ Based on 10-percent sample.

⁵ Includes disabled widows and mothers.

Table 5.A15.—Number and average monthly benefit for women aged 65 or older, by age, type of benefit, and dual entitlement status, December 1998

[Based on 10-percent sample]

Type of benefit	Total	65–69	70–74	75–79	80–84	85–89	90 or older
Number							
Total ¹	18,926,690	4,566,640	4,667,870	4,021,170	2,891,010	1,761,760	1,018,240
Entitled as worker	12,148,280	3,035,980	3,033,880	2,529,090	1,852,990	1,093,890	602,450
Worker only	6,813,320	1,948,010	1,746,650	1,260,330	961,630	566,470	330,230
Dually entitled	5,334,960	1,087,970	1,287,230	1,268,760	891,360	527,420	272,220
Wife's benefit	2,143,940	776,330	686,480	456,300	170,470	46,000	8,360
Widow's benefit	3,191,020	311,640	600,750	812,460	720,890	481,420	263,860
Entitled as wife or widow only	6,778,410	1,530,660	1,633,990	1,492,080	1,038,020	667,870	415,790
Wife's benefit	2,482,790	805,860	764,680	541,900	259,550	90,710	20,090
Widow's benefit	4,295,620	724,800	869,310	950,180	778,470	577,160	395,700
Average monthly benefit							
Total ¹	\$667.10	\$596.40	\$634.90	\$674.40	\$753.90	\$748.00	\$716.10
Entitled as worker	689.10	611.40	659.60	697.20	788.20	775.80	732.60
Worker only	664.10	621.90	651.40	646.20	744.90	735.30	692.10
Dually entitled	721.00	592.60	670.70	747.90	835.00	819.20	781.90
Wife's benefit	468.20	468.20	463.70	462.70	492.20	494.50	490.10
Widow's benefit	890.80	902.70	907.20	908.10	916.00	850.30	791.10
Entitled as wife or widow only	627.70	566.70	589.20	635.80	692.60	702.50	692.00
Wife's benefit	407.20	397.10	402.40	410.00	437.20	431.00	419.20
Widow's benefit	755.10	755.20	753.50	764.60	777.70	745.20	705.90

¹ Excludes parents, special age-72 beneficiaries, and adults receiving benefits because of childhood disability.